

SUBJ: Execution Order to Disconnect from Army Networks Computers Running Legacy Windows Operating Systems

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REF/A/MSG/DA Washington DC//DAMO-AOC-CAT/JUL 03/SUBJ: Army G3 Directed Actions to Correct IAVA Deficiencies//

REF/B/Memorandum/SAIS-ZA/04 FEB 04/SUBJ: Army Policy for Windows NT 4.0 Replacement and Active Directory (AD) Implementation//

REF/C/NETCOM TECHCON Implementation Memorandum Number 2004-003/MAR 2004/SUBJ: NETCOM TECHCON Implementation Memorandum Number 2003-003/MARCH 2004/SUBJ: Upgrade Guidelines for MS Windows NT 4.0 Systems//

REF/D/Active Directory Implementation Site Migration Planning Guidance/10 Dec 2003//

REF/E/NETCOM Recommended Army Infostructure Standard Hardware and Software for Desktops ver 1.0/10 OCT 2003//

REF/F/MSG/DA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO-AOC/JAN 04/SUBJ: Execution Order to Disconnect Windows 3.X/95/98/ME Computers from Army Networks//

1. The purpose of this message is to define the timeline, support and reporting requirements for upgrading Army Information Systems (AIS) using Microsoft Windows Operating Systems to the latest operating system versions. Upgrades are required to eliminate Operations Security (OPSEC) and Information Assurance (IA) vulnerabilities related to networked systems running Windows Operating Systems (OS). Specifically, Microsoft is scheduled to cease distribution of security update patches for Windows NT desktop OS on 30 JUN 2004 and for Windows NT Server OS on 30 DEC 2004. NETCOM has published recommended mitigation procedures for those systems which can not meet the suspense for upgrade (REF C), however these procedures should only be used for the short-term while continuing to upgrade systems to the authorized OS. The Army G3 directs the actions in this message to increase the security posture of Army systems as well as to maximize the return on investment of the Army enterprise software license agreement with Microsoft.

2. All AIS running Microsoft Windows Operating System will be reported and upgraded to an approved Windows OS IAW the following timeline and IAW Ref C. MACOMs, garrison DOIMs, or equivalent Signal Battalions will remove from Army Networks any systems that do not comply with this policy by the stated suspense date and will only permit continued operations of non-compliant systems that have approved extension requests and that have initiated mitigation procedures to protect the system.

A. NLT 01 JUN 2004: All owners and managers of AIS, including garrison directors of information management (DOIMs), MACOMs, PM/PEOs, direct reporting units, and HQDA functional agencies must report all assets and request extensions using the compliance reporting database version 2 (CRD2) available at: <https://newia.us.Army.mil>. Extension requests submitted without detailed mitigation procedures will be automatically denied. Minimum and recommended mitigation procedures are offered in REF C.

B. NLT 30 JUN 2004: All workstations will be upgraded to WIN2K Pro or WINXP Pro. New installations will be to WINXP Pro. Existing instances of workstations running WIN2K are authorized until 01 OCT 2006.

C. NLT 15 JUL 2004: NETCOM will use the CRD2 data to report weekly compliance status by RCIO (i.e. National Guard, Army Reserve, Army Corps of Engineers, MEDCOM, North East, South, Europe, etc.) to the Army G3.

D. NLT 31 DEC 2004: All member servers must be upgraded to WIN2K Server or WIN2K3 Server. New installations will be to WIN2K3 Server. Existing instances of servers running WIN2K are authorized until 01 OCT 2006. MS Exchange mail servers running Defense Messaging System (DMS) must continue to run WIN2K until the release of DMS version 3.1, which is currently scheduled for 2QFY05. All domain controllers and MS Exchange Servers not running DMS should be upgraded to WIN2K3 and Active Directory IAW the Army Active Directory fielding plan which is currently scheduled to be completed NLT 31 DEC 2004.

E. NLT 01 OCT 2006: all workstations will be upgraded to WINXP Pro or its successor and all member servers must be upgraded to WIN2K3 Server or its successor.

3. Service and Support. The software for these upgrades will be available under the Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement (MS ELA). Licenses for desktop operating systems are available now. A limited quantity of Windows Server operating system licenses are being issued based on the estimated requirements previously identified and funded by each organization and will be available NLT 31 MAY 04. Requirements for these products above this baseline must be funded by the requesting organization. Requests and any associated funding must be submitted to the Army Small Computer Program office via their website, <https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil>. Any questions on this guidance may be directed to Cynthia Dixon, HQDA, CIO/G6, commercial (703) 602-7374, DSN 332-7374, email Cynthia.Dixon@us.army.mil

4. Coordinating Instructions.

A. POC is MAJ C.P. Watkins, NETCOM CIO/G-6 OPNS Cell, DSN 223-3070, commercial 703-693-3070, CIOG6OperationsCell@hqda.army.mil. References for this message are available at <http://www.hqda-aoc.Army.pentagon.mil/g6-cio/index.htm>.

B. All addressees immediately acknowledge this message via CRD2.